

**National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders; Notice of a Meeting of the Ad Hoc Clearinghouse Subcommittee of the National Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NDCD) Advisory Council**

Notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Clearinghouse Subcommittee of the NDCD Advisory Council on November 16, 1995. The meeting will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. and will be conducted as a telephone conference call originating in Room 3C05, Building 31, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held to discuss the operations of the NIDCD Clearinghouse. Attendance by the public is limited to space available.

Summaries of the meeting and a roster of members may be obtained from Dr. Earleen Elkins, Acting Director, Division of Extramural Activities, NIDCD, Executive Plaza South, Room 400C, 6120 Executive Blvd., Bethesda, Maryland 20892, 301-496-8693, upon request.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Dr. Elkins in advance of the meeting.

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Susan K. Feldman,

*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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**Public Health Service**

**National Toxicology Program; Request for Comments on the Draft Report on Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Toxicological Test Methods; Announcement of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Workshop on Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Alternative Toxicological Test Methods**

The draft report on Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Toxicological Test Methods is available and public review and comment are encouraged. Registration is open for an NTP Workshop scheduled for December 11-12, 1995, that will provide the opportunity to participate in the review of this Report and to comment on the

recommendations generated at the Workshop.

**Background on the Report**

One of the over-arching goals of the NTP is developing and validating improved alternative toxicological test methods. Consistent with the goal, the NIH Revitalization Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-43, sec. 1301) stated that the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), the primary component of the NTP, would: (a) Establish criteria for the validation and regulatory acceptance of alternative testing methods; and (b) recommend a process through which scientifically validated alternative methods can be accepted for regulatory use.

An *ad hoc* Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) was established by NIEHS to develop a report recommending criteria and processes for validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological testing methods. Fifteen Federal regulatory and research agencies have participated in this effort, including:

- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).
- Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC).
- Department of Agriculture (USDA).
- Department of Defense (DOD).
- Department of Energy (DOE).
- Department of the Interior (DOI).
- Department of Transportation (DOT).
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA).
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).
- National Institutes of Health (NIH).
- National Cancer Institute (NCI).
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).
- National Library of Medicine (NLM).
- Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The draft Report is applicable to all proposed toxicological testing methods for health and ecological endpoints, including those termed "alternatives." Alternative test methods are those that incorporate some aspect of reduction, refinement, and replacement of animal use. Such methods: result in the reduction of the total number of animals required; incorporate refinements of procedures to lessen or eliminate pain or distress to animals and enhance animal well-being; or provide for the partial or total replacement of animals with non-animal systems, or the replacement of an animal species with

a phylogenetically lower species (e.g., a mammalian species replaced by an invertebrate species).

The ICCVAM determined that the goals of the Report are to:

- Communicate the criteria and processes that Federal agencies should employ in considering new and revised test methods;
- Encourage the development of new methods and improvement of existing test methods;
- Provide more effective guidance for scientists for the validation and evaluation of new and revised test methods;
- Contribute to the increased likelihood of regulatory acceptance of scientifically valid new and revised test methods;
- Encourage, when scientifically feasible, the reduction and refinement of animal use in testing, and the replacement of animals with non-animal methods and phylogenetically lower species;
- Encourage the use of validated and accepted new and revised test methods.

**Comments on the Report**

Public review of the draft Report is critical to its completion and is encouraged. To receive a copy of the Report, please contact the NTP Liaison Office at NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD A3-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, or by FAX to: (919) 541-0295. Written comments received by November 20, 1995, will be distributed for consideration during the workshop. Written comments submitted after November 20 but before January 2, 1996, will be considered by the Committee in preparing a final Report. Submit comments to Dr. William Stokes, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD B2-04, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, or by FAX to (919) 541-0719. For further information about the Report, please contact one of the ICCVAM co-chairs—Dr. William Stokes, NIEHS, or Dr. Richard Hill, EPA, Mail Code 7101, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460, or FAX (202) 260-1847.

**Background on the Workshop**

A workshop on Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Alternative Toxicological Test Methods will be held on December 11-12, 1995, in Arlington, Virginia, to receive comments from the public and invited review panels on the draft Report. The Workshop meeting structure will include opening and closing Plenary Sessions and three Breakout Groups that will address: (1) Validation Criteria; (2) Regulatory Acceptance Criteria and Processes; and (3) Proposals for Future Directions.

Specific goals of the Workshop:

- To obtain comments and recommendations and strengthen the usefulness of the Report for the scientific community.

- To discuss comments received in response to this notice and other announcements.

- To obtain comments and recommendations relevant to the effective implementation of the processes described in the Report.

Comments and recommendations from the Workshop will be considered by the ICCVAM in preparing a final Report.

#### Registration for the Workshop

Registration materials for the workshop can be obtained by contacting the NTP Liaison Office at NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD A3-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, or by FAX to: (919) 541-0295. Please indicate on the registration form if you wish to speak. Oral presentations from participants requesting time during the closing plenary session will be limited to five minutes in length to allow for a maximum number of presentations. Written comments accompanying the oral statements are encouraged and should be received by close of business on November 20, 1995, to ensure consideration by the workshop breakout groups.

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Kenneth Olden,

Director, National Toxicology Program.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

### Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development

[Docket No. FR-3778-N-61]

### Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Johnston, room 7256, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC

20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TDD number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 56 FR 23789 (May 24, 1991) and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this Notice to identify Federal buildings and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1988 Court Order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.).

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies, and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) Its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency's needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use as facilities to assist the homeless.

Properties listed as suitable/available will be available exclusively for homeless use for a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice/ Homeless assistance providers interested in any such property should send a written expression of interest to HHS, addressed to Brian Rooney, Division of Health Facilities Planning, U.S. Public Health Service, HHS, room 17A-10, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-2265. (This is not a toll-free number.) HHS will mail to the interested provider an application packet, which will include instructions for completing the application. In order to maximize the opportunity to utilize a suitable property, providers should submit their written expressions of interest as soon as possible. For complete details concerning the processing of applications, the reader is encouraged to refer to the interim rule

governing this program, 56 FR 23789 (May 24, 1991).

For properties listed as suitable/to be excess, that property may, if subsequently accepted as excess by GSA, be made available for use by the homeless in accordance with applicable law, subject to screening for other Federal use. At the appropriate time, HUD will publish the property in a Notice showing it as either suitable/available or suitable/unavailable.

For properties listed as suitable/unavailable, the landholding agency has decided that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use to assist the homeless, and the property will not be available.

Properties listed as unsuitable will not be made available for any other purpose for 20 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in a review by HUD of the determination of unsuitability should call the toll free information line at 1-800-927-7588 for detailed instructions or write a letter to Mark Johnson at the address listed at the beginning of this Notice. Included in the request for review should be the property address (including zip code), the date of publication in the Federal Register, the landholding agency, and the property number.

For more information regarding particular properties identified in this Notice (i.e., acreage, floor plan, existing sanitary facilities, exact street address), providers should contact the appropriate landholding agencies at the following addresses: GSA: Ed Guilford, Federal Property Resources Services, GSA, 18th and F Streets NW, Washington, DC 205405; (202) 501-2059; (This is not a toll-free number).

Dated: October 27, 1995.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

TITLE V, FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM FEDERAL REGISTER REPORT FOR 11/03/95

#### Unsuitable Properties

##### *Buildings (by State)*

##### California

Cape Mendocino Lighthouse

Capetown Co: Humboldt CA

Landholding Agency: GSA

Property Number: 549540004

Status: Excess

Reason: Other, Secured Area

Comment: Structural; deficiencies GSA

Number: 9-U-CA-622-B

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